GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FORENSIC LABORATORIES WITH MODERN TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the changed modus operandi of the present day crimes, any proposal of equipping crime detecting agencies and the forensic laboratories with modern sophisticated technology is under the consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount likely to be spent thereon; and

(d) the time by which this is likely to be accomplished?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a) to (d): The 11th Finance Commission has recommended an amount of Rs.79.16 crores to the State Police Forces for procuring latest sophisticated equipments like Polygraph Machine, Night Vision Device, Explosive Detector, Deep Search Mine/Metal Detector, Bomb Blanket and Bomb Disposal Equipment etc.The Commission has also made provision of Rs.53 lakhs for each Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) under the State Governments for procurement of scientific equipment and Rs.49.80 crores for setting up of the Mobile Forensic Science Unit in 415 districts of the country where these facilities are not currently available.It has also provided for setting up a State FSL at Goa at a cost of Rs.1.92 crores, Regional FSL in Orissa (1), Punjab (1), Uttar Pradesh (2) at a cost o Rs.1.80 crore each for each Regional FSL. The State Governments are required to take further necessary action in this regard.